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BY TELEGRAPH.

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AT WILLIAMSTOWN

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Successful Concert and Ball.

The third annual concert and ball of the Volunteer Hose company, given in the opera house Friday night, was a very successful and pleasant affair. Music was furnished by Porter's full orchestra, which gave a concert from 8 to 9 o'clock. The playing was excellent and every number was received with applause. At the close of the concert came the grand march led by Foreman George W. Bryant and Miss Hattie Hewes. There were over 50 couples in the grand march and more arrived later. A number of North Adams firemen were present in uniform and the members of the Volunteer company were all in uniform. There were 24 numbers on the dance program and when 12 had been danced there was an intermission for supper, which was served behind the curtain on the stage. The table would seat 44 persons at a time and was loaded with good things contributed by the families and friends of the members. All were well pleased with the supper and the price was very low, only 25 cents a couple. The ball tickets were 50 cents. This placed the entertainment within the reach of all and the result was a large attendance and an exceptionally pleasant time. Everything passed off very smoothly and the festivities did not end until well into the morning, when a special car was run to North Adams for the accommodation of guests from that city, Greyluck and Blackinton. The total number of tickets sold was about 175 and if the weather had not been threatening the attendance would have been still larger. At 9:30 o'clock 102 tickets had been taken at the door.

The members of the company are highly pleased by the success of the event and they have good reason to be. The following were in charge: Floor director, W. A. Ranshausen; aids, James Gibbs, George Coons, George Bryant, Edward C. Jerome; committee of arrangements, Adolph Scheffer, James Gibbs, George W. Bryant, W. F. Walden, F. J. Pease.

Mrs. Bryant Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Walter Bryant was taken seriously ill Thursday with congestion of the brain. She had not been feeling well since she returned from the annual encampment in Boston last week, but nothing serious was anticipated. At about 9 o'clock Thursday morning she was completely prostrated and it was feared she had suffered a shock. Dr. Hull was called and he pronounced her trouble congestion of the brain. She was unconscious considerable of the time during the day and night, but there were signs of improvement Friday, although she had not regained her speech. The doctor and her family were much encouraged and it was believed that she would recover.

Mr. Beverly in Court.

Z. F. Beverly was in court Friday afternoon charged with disturbing the peace. The complainant was Miss Millicent Ford, who was struck by Mr. Beverly's road carton Cole avenue a few days ago as stated in this paper Friday. The town has no by-law against reckless driving and so the above named charge was preferred. Mr. Beverly pleaded not guilty and the hearing was continued to next Thursday morning.

A Big Record.

Edward Noel sat a hen a few weeks ago on 17 eggs and she hatched 18 chicks. Though this statement may be somewhat startling it is nevertheless true. The explanation is that another hen dropped an egg in the nest, but Mr. Noel knew nothing about it until he counted his chicks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moore and daughter returned Friday from a week's visit in New York.

At least one young man in town stands ready to offer himself as a "sojourner" in case of war with Spain. There is great interest in the affair at Havana and the daily papers are eagerly scanned for the latest news.

The indoor athletic meet was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the gymnasium was open for the benefit of the guests of the societies that are entertaining house parties. The practice games were greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

The Jackson concert will occur Monday evening in Goodrich Hall. It will be given by the Star Orchestra club of Boston, assisted by Miss Jennie Corea soprano soloist.

A good number of students will go home to spend the Washington's birthday recess.

Samuel Starkweather, who is painting the high school house, expects to finish the walls next week.

Miss Matilda Gray of Greenfield is spending a few days in town with friends.

Michael Cleary has returned from a few days visit in Troy.

The Alpha Delta Phi and Sigma Phi societies are entertaining house parties. The guests come Friday and there will be an almost constant round of festivities and sleighriding until they depart early next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Foster entertained a large party of friends Thursday evening. There were about 35 couples present and the evening was pleasantly passed with games, dancing and refreshments.

The members of Gale Hose company who with ladies attended the Alert company's ball at Adams Friday night had a delightful time and are loud in their praise of the hospitable manner in which they were entertained.

H. H. Walker will finish the work on S. J. Kellogg's new house by the middle of next week. It is a good-sized house and contains all modern conveniences, and is very thoroughly built.

James Grady is about to erect a good barn on his place on the road leading to

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the Moody bridge. The carpenter work will be done by H. H. Walker.

Rev. G. P. Merrett, pastor of the Congregational church at South Williamstown, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. Edward Wilson. In the evening Mr. Wilson will preach the second of a series of sermons to young men, taking for his subject "The Young Man in Business."

The temperance people are planning to do some work before town meeting, and it is possible that a speaker will be brought from New York.

Rev. Edward Wilson will deliver his lecture, "Sights and Sounds Abroad," before the Young Men's Mutual Improvement society at Blackinton February 23.

Rev. Dr. Clymer of Pittsfield will deliver the second lecture in the course being arranged by Rev. Edward Wilson. The first is to be given by Rev. Dr. J. W. Thompson of Pittsfield.

Dr. Woodbridge delivered his third lecture to the seniors Friday evening.

Rev. William R. Campbell of Roxbury will preach in the college chapel Sunday evening.

Professor Russell will address the seniors Sunday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock.

The 31st annual reunion and dinner of the New England alumni of Williams college will be held February 25 at the University club, Boston. Governor Wolcott and President Carter will be among the speakers.

The Amherst and Williams chess clubs will meet in the near future.

A petition for a state park on Greyluck is being circulated among the students.

Dr. F. W. Olds has been appointed consul of the L. A. W. of Williamstown.

Adolphus Clark of New Haven, Conn., recently visited his brother, E. C. Clark.

The Vermont brothers gave a pleasing musical entertainment in the Methodist Sunday school room Friday evening, but the attendance was rather small owing to various other attractions in town.

The farce, "A Fatal Message," was well presented in St. John's parish room Friday evening. There was a good attendance, some being present from Blackinton.

"If you are going to build you need a plan." For good ideas, at reasonable prices, employ Arthur G. Lindley, architect, 5 Church street.

The Applied Arts.

All sorts of breezes, more or less full, ruffle the surface of art, but the current is once more setting with increasing steadiness and strength toward the point where art becomes the handmaid that ministers to the practical needs of men. Painters and sculptors are working with the architects not only in beautifying buildings, but in giving an artistic perfection to the furnishings and utensils. Stained glass, mosaics, wall papers and fabrics, furniture, posters, book and magazine illustrations are only some of the numerous avenues of activity which the movement opens up to the artist. It is quite within recent years that it has reached our shores, but now that it is come its continuance and its spread are assured, for it appeals exactly to the democratic conditions of the national life. It brings the masses in touch with art and in the way most likely to influence them—by daily contact.

Museums do much to refine and cultivate the thousands who visit them, but their usefulness would be small compared with a diffusion of art among all the things of everyday life. That is the goal to which the movement in favor of the "applied arts" is directed, and undeniably none could be nobler. No doubt it is a long way off, but that is no reason for despairing of the possibility of reaching it. Nor is the material character of American life a bar to it. The Athenians of Pericles' time, the Italians of the renaissance and the Netherlanders were material enough and fully as bent on matters merely mercenary, and yet they surrounded themselves with the evidences, in small things as well as big, of taste and refinement.

There is no incompatibility between materialism and art, especially when at the back of both is a strong pride in citizenship. A large share of the credit for what has already been accomplished is due to the architects. On them devolves the execution of the biggest evidences of improved taste, and they have it in their power to combine with their own work that of the painters and sculptors.—*Harper's Weekly*.

Butterfly Neckties.

"I had a singular experience during a recent tour of Europe," remarked a gentleman prominent in the literary world, "in the search for one of the simple, ordinary butterfly neckties. There was a time when I wore scarfs and ties more elaborate, but that has passed, and I, like many other men who have passed the meridian of life, am content with comfort instead of looks. I had a pretty good supply of butterfly ties with me, but somehow I mislaid them while in Rome. I searched through nearly every store in the Eternal City, but could not find any. I had a similar experience in Berlin and Vienna. I was told, however, that I would have no trouble to secure what I wanted in Paris, but, though I tried nearly all the large establishments, I could not find such a thing, though there were hundreds of other styles easily obtainable. Next I tried London, though more for the fun of the thing than anything else, for I had some made to order in Paris, and, strange as it may appear, none of the haberdashers of London could supply them. Until this experience I did not know that the butterfly tie is distinctly an American idea and is known here."—*Washington Star*.

Not What She Meant.

Young Wife—Oh, Charlie, dear, thine cook has burnt the beef; but, then she's so young and inexperienced! Will a kiss compensate you for her carelessness?

Charlie—I've no objection. Send her in.—*New Orleans Times-Democrat*

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Wouldn't Be "Half Hanged."

It was once the custom in several southern states, when a man under sentence of the law was hanged and three times in succession broke the rope and fell to the earth before the sentence could be carried out, to liberate him and thereafter to account him innocent of the crime of which he was convicted.

An old darky past the three score and ten years generally allotted to man had a neighbor whom he considered a "hoodoo," a "Jonah." One day he went over to his neighbor's house and killed him with a shotgun. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. The day of the execution arrived, and a great crowd assembled to see the old man hanged. He was a very heavy man, and when the noose had been placed around his neck and the barrel drawn from under him his weight broke the rope and he fell to the ground.

The second time and the third time the rope broke, and then his friends demanded that he be released. The sheriff turned him over to his friends, who made a great show of welcome. But he broke away from them, and, hurrying to the sheriff, who was about to leave the scene, he astounded him with: "Hold on, Massa Sheriff! Hold on! Put that rope around this old nigger's neck again. D'y think I'm going to have all de folks pointing me out as a half hung man? No, sah. Try it again! Try it again!"

The sheriff did try it again, and this time the rope did not break.—*New York Sun*

Stopping the Interest.

Daniel Webster once dined with an old Boston merchant, and when they came to the wine a dusty old bottle was carefully decanted by the servant and passed to the host. Taking the bottle, he filled Webster's glass and handed it to him. Then, pouring out another for himself, he held it to the light and said:

"How do you like it, Mr. Webster?"

"I think it is a fine specimen of old port."

"Now, can you guess what it cost me?" asked the host.

"Surely not," said Webster. "I only know that it is excellent."

"Well, now, I can tell you, for I made a careful estimate the other day. When I add the interest to the first price, I find that it cost me the sum of just 5 shillings per glass."

"Good gracious! You don't say so?" cried Webster. And then, draining his glass, he presented it again, with the remark:

"Fill it up again as quick as you can, for I want to stop that confounded interest."—*Nuggets*.

Valuable Pottery.

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CHURCH NOTES.

Trinity Methodist.

There will be regular services Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will speak on "Gospel Faith."

The Epworth League will hold their regular meeting Sunday evening. The subject will be "Saved to the Utmost."

Mrs. Nettie S. Mattison will lead.

The regular church supper will be served Wednesday evening.

This evening's meeting of the pastor's class will be led by James Grew.

Universalist.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "Israel Defeated." In the evening at 7 o'clock he will preach on "The Problem of the Child."

Baptist.

At the Baptist church tomorrow morning the pastor will speak upon "The Bible and the revelations of Archaeology." His even theme will be "The Sleep of Sia."

No one will be disappointed who attends the concert given by the Vernon Brothers at the Baptist church tonight. They have been enthusiastically received everywhere and are the wonder of all who hear them. The advance sale of tickets has been quite successful.

Regular meeting of the Young People's Union Sunday evening led by W. E. Davis. The subject will be "The Law of Love."

St. Mark's.

The pastor has prepared a schedule of services for Lent. Next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday and services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Week days until holy week services will be held daily at 4:15 p.m. except Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Sunday services during Lent will be at 8 and 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school at 12:15 p.m. Holy communion every Sunday during Lent except the second Sunday and Palm Sunday.

Congregational.

Regular Sunday services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Miles B. Fisher will be in charge at the Zionite chapel.

Washington's Birthday Exercises.

Principal T. K. McAllister of No. 8 Commercial street school has arranged a fine program to be rendered at the school room Friday afternoon, February 25. It will consist of declamation and singing. Those who will take part are: Lila Hoxie, Josephine Perissé, Mae O. Dunbar, Maude S. Bowen, Carrie Beauchemin, Rosalie V. Burns, Mary M. Ryan, Anna McNamara, Fred A. Knabe, Wilfred J. Lafourte, Arthur F. Wells, Catherine St. John, E. Lillian Bourne, Rose L. Beauchemin, Alfred Carpenter, S. Georgiana Lord, Beata A. Larabee, Arthur J. Burke, John Kernahan, Emile J. Pheulpin, George J. Guettler, Samuel Paro, Herbert P. Yurke, Elizabeth A. Knabe, J. Edward White and Alice M. Verchot. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Dissolved Partnership.

Whalen & Turner, who went into the blacksmithing business on Myrtle street when Bowen & Brisley dissolved, and have been successful since their start have dissolved partnership and now Patrick Whalen will conduct the business alone. Mr. Whalen is one of the most capable blacksmiths in this vicinity. He is a very accommodating workman and his many friends hope to see him succeed.

Lady Franklin Lodge, auxiliary to the Sons of St. George, will hold a social in Old Fellows' Hall next Tuesday evening. Every lady will bring a basket filled with lunch and these baskets will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. A musical program will be given and a pleasant social is expected.

There were four dances in town Friday evening. The Alert ball in the Armory, the St. Jean Baptiste dance, the Turn Verein Vorwartz club's masquerade and a dance at the Caledonian hall in Renfrew. All were well attended.

John L. Burr of Framingham is the guest of Mark Meyers of Temple street.

The insurance commissioners from Boston will be here next Saturday to discuss a lower rate of insurance.

George D. Hoyt of Crandall street visited his mother in Pittsfield, Friday.

C. M. Campbell of Boston is the guest of local friends.

A few from this town are planning to attend the institution of a council of the Knights of Columbus in Hudson, N. Y., Sunday.

Miss Nellie McNulty of West street is visiting her brother, W. B. McNulty of Hudson.

Mrs. M. F. Keylin of North Adams visited friends here Friday.

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For you the earth smell and the rain,
The wan roots writhing overhead.
For me an ever sobbing pain,
And few, few words you said.

For me the light pulsating waste,
For you all silences are lucid,
All darks wave endlessly.

And yet I would that I could lie
In darks and silences as deep,
Where drawing lips can not laugh or sigh,
Nor dusty eyes can weep.

If I but knew that you overheard,
Beneath the sky's crossing smile,
Went sometimes sorrowing for the dead
As I do all the while.

—Post Wheeler in New York Press.

A CORK LEGGED MAN.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

Of the six passengers who alighted from the stage coach at the Acorn inn, in Blissfield, one April evening was a man with a wooden leg. That sort of a misfortune is not rare, and yet the victim, especially in a country town, always attracts considerable attention.

The stranger registered as John Gordan of Chicago, and when he gave out that he might remain in Blissfield for several weeks everybody wondered what chance could have brought him there.

"The man with the wooden leg," as he came to be generally spoken of, had been in town about a week, when one of the leading merchants was robbed of about \$1,000 in cash. He had the money in an old fashioned safe, which opened with a key, and the safe had been unlocked. Entrance to the store had been effected by way of the fanlight over the front doors. No suspicious characters had been seen about the town, and as the merchant and his son were the only ones having keys to the safe the affair was a puzzle. The local constable did a great deal of talking, but struck no clew, and in his desperation he asked Gordan to assist him, believing, no doubt, that a government officer of any sort ought to be more or less posted in detective work. Gordan seemed to think the matter over for awhile and then replied:

"The case is as plain as the nose on your face. The merchant's son took the money, and after this thing quiet down he will go off to St. Louis to have a good time. I'd stake my life he got every dollar of the missing cash securely hidden away somewhere."

The constable couldn't believe it of the young man, having known him from childhood, but he was bound by a promise not to mention the matter, and after several theories had been worked out and exploded the matter was allowed to drop, or rather, it was relegated for another sensation. Seven or eight days after the store robbery the postoffice was entered. That, too, had an old fashioned safe, but it held something like \$2,000. Of this sum about \$500 belonged to the postmaster, the balance to the citizens.

The lock on the back door was bored off with a brace and bit taken from a carpenter's shop, and this safe was also opened by means of a false key. The excitement in that small town was intense, and men tumbled over each other to advance theories and suggestions.

The robbery did not take place until after 10 o'clock at night. The postmaster and his assistant could prove themselves clear. The general idea was that the burglars had driven into the village from a point perhaps 20 miles away, and this was strengthened by the tale of a farmer as to having seen a buggy with two men in it pass his house twice that night. He saw nothing of the sort, but told the story from a desire to "mix in" and furnish a clew.

The sheriff rode all over the county in search of his men, but the days passed and no one was arrested. No one had advanced the theory that the robber was living among us, and if any one had he would have been laughed at for his words. Gordan, the government agent, was the only stranger in town, and who could suspect him? He had little to say about either job, but when pressed for an opinion on the postoffice affair he replied:

"Gentlemen, my line is not detective work, though I have seen a good deal of it and know something about criminals. Whoever did that job come from a distance. There was likely two of them. They may have come 50 miles for all we know, but you can bet they were old hands and slick ones."

It was decided that the robbery had been committed by strangers, and after a search lasting three or four days the officers gave it up. It was a big loss to the postmaster and several citizens, but they had to bear it the best way they could. The postmaster was an old man and had little of this world's goods, and Gordan offered to be one of the ten to chip in \$50 and make good his loss. The other nine did not come forward, but everybody in town said it was more than kind of the man with a wooden leg, and a dozen or more of the most prominent men shook hands with him over it. Ten or 12 days passed, and then came a terrible tragedy.

The richest man in Blissfield was Squire Higgins. He owned the woolen mills, a store and several houses and had money to lend. He was a widower, but lived with his son and daughter-in-law. His room was on the ground floor, while all the others slept upstairs. He had no safe, but kept his money in a tin box on a shelf in a closet. He had a bank account over at Medina, ten miles away, but often had \$1,000 dollars or more in the house. One evening when the others were ready to go to bed he announced that he had some in the room to attend to and was seated at his desk in the sitting room when the others retired. About midnight the daughter-in-law heard a fall and a groan down stairs, and when her husband went

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town to investigate the squire was found dead on the floor, having been stabbed no less than five times in the body.

House and grounds were searched, but the murderer had escaped, and he had also taken with him the cash box, which contained about \$700. The murderer had taken place in the bedroom. Having finished his work, the squire had retired to bed and had perhaps fallen asleep. Some noise made by the murderer as he hunted for the cash box had aroused him, and he had sprung out of bed and grappled with the unknown. Any one of the stabs would have disabled him, but it appeared that the midnight intruder had held on to him and used the knife again and again, as if he thirsted for blood. When I heard men speak of this next day, the cruel eyes and thin lips of the man with the wooden leg was the next thought. Boy that I was, he seemed to be a man who would do just that thing, and I found myself wondering if he was not the guilty party in all three instances.

Gordan faltered and bluffed and was reaching for a pistol under his pillow when the detective seized him. He fought like a demon and it took the five or six men to overcome him. When they had him securely bound, they unstrapped his wooden leg, and, lo, his left foot was there as right as any man's. His leg was a supple one, and he had bent the lower portion back and strapped it thus and then put his knee in the crotch of the wooden leg. Of all those who had taken a look at his leg not one had suspected the cheat.

Yes, he was the man who had robbed the merchant and the postmaster, and he was also the murderer of Squire Higgins. The plunder and the dagger were found in his trunk, which he had ready packed, as he was intending to leave town next day. He simply laid his wooden leg aside when he went out at night. The wearing of it gave him a sort of halt when it was removed, and as he crossed the garden after the murderer the left foot pressed the ground more lightly than the right. On the evidence worked up by the detective in a couple of hours' time Gordan was tried, convicted and hung, and every dollar of the stolen money went back to the rightful owners.

What Zola Has Undertaken.

The government is the smallest of M.

Zola's foes. He faces a angry nation, which, with exceptions that hardly count in the flood of passion and prejudice, is exasperated against Dreyfus almost to the shedding of blood. His indictment, whatever may come of it, is a piece of the most heroic courage in the annals of civil life. He has had a foretaste of the persecution that awaits him. Colonel Pleurtet, who was the first to expose Estebazy, has been arrested and shut up at Mont Valerien. It is rumored that M. Mathieu-Dreyfus is to be prosecuted, and, if possible, to be tried with, or without, a jury, to prove his innocence or guilt.

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when we were alone he lighted his pipe and said:

"Boy, do you know any man in town who is lame in the left leg?"

I did not. Then he asked if any stranger who was lame had been seen in town during the last two or three days. I answered in the negative, but added that there was a man with a wooden leg at the inn. He at once began to question me about this man, not yet having seen him himself, and I told him all I knew and all I had heard. Of course he told me nothing in return, though I heard him chuckling to himself, and his face betrayed the fact that he was pleased about something. I acted as his guide to the jail, and when in the presence of the sheriff he said:

"I want you to go with me to overhaul the man with the wooden leg at the tavern."

"But he can't have done it," protested the officer. "The tracks you found showed that the murderer had two feet."

"Just so, and he was lame in the left leg."

"But this man Gordan has lost his left leg at the knee."

"I want to see if he has."

The sheriff, detective and constable, with two or three citizens, proceeded to the inn and to Gordan's room. He sat smoking and reading and had his supper brought up to him that night, claiming to be suffering with neuralgia. He was cool and quiet and offered cigars all around, but those who were watching him saw him grow pale as the sheriff began by begging his pardon and hoped no offense would be taken, but would he let them look at his wooden leg?

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HOLD YOUR PATIENCE.

In an exciting time such as the present people are given to "seen' things." There seems to be little groundwork in fact for the story of the floating bomb published yesterday, in fact information as to the cause of the wrecking of the Maine is still meager and unsatisfactory. Excitable persons, some of whom have had experience in the navy, have advanced startling theories coupling Spanish officials with a conspiracy to blow up the fine cruiser. A few men in public life have indiscreetly given publicity to suspicions that are not supported by a color of truth. In this potpourri of suspicions and theories not a ray of light as to the actual cause of the lamentable disaster has yet penetrated.

Capt. Sigbee declines to express any opinion on the cause of the explosion. He will reserve his opinion until the divers can go down to the sunken hulk to make observation and report. The navy department acting upon the captain's suggestion has declined to give out any statement explaining the cause of the wreck and others in position to speak conservatively and intelligently are retaining a becoming silence.

Naval experts, however, are quite agreed that in case the hulk bears evidence of having been forced inward the presumption will be strong that the boat was blown up by a floating torpedo fired by design. If on the other hand the force of the explosion spent itself outward the presumption will be strong that the explosion took place in a magazine of the boat. Neither presumption will establish the real cause of the catastrophe.

Not until a complete and exhaustive official investigation shall have been made will it be possible to know in what manner the cruiser was destroyed. The public may expect to be deceived by the enterprising Cuban junta which will exert itself to prejudice public sentiment by sending out sensational and misleading bulletins in the clothing of truth.

Reports of all kinds, some based on fact and others on fiction, will come to the papers. The public, however, will not be deceived as to the truth if reliance is placed solely on the outgivings of the navy department.

THEY INCREASE IN PRICE.

These heartless exporters and foreign buyers are evidently determined to destroy the last possible chance of the free-silver Democrats. They keep on pouring the money into coffers of the farmers of the country in a way that must make the heart of the average Bryanite ache. The January exports of breadstuffs and provisions were far in excess of those of January of last year, and for the seven months ending with January were nearly \$75,000,000 in excess of those of the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Nearly every article which the farmer has to sell in grains, meats, dairy products etc., has advanced in price, despite the insistence of the silverites that this could not happen without adoption of their financial proposition.

The sleighing party and runaway season has received new lease of life from the last storm.

Klondike talk isn't heard on the street very much of late. Has the recent return of two been effective as a damper?

A Cincinnati negro jumped from a third-story window with suicidal intent. The intent did not stand the concussion as well.

The Iowa as well as the Massachusetts legislature has refused to adopt equal suffrage in honor of the convention of equal suffragists in Washington.

The strike among the cotton workers and the Zouave trial are still as interesting in their developments as before the Maine disaster, but who has heard of them since?

Those patriots who are hoping that the disaster to the Maine will result in war with Spain are evidently disappointed over the number of men that are at the bottom of the Havana harbor.

"I am a senator from Kentucky, but I'm a senator for the United States," is the remark of Senator Lindsay. If all senators would act upon this theory the senate would not so often baffle criticism.

In the death of Miss Frances E. Willard the country loses the noblest flower of them all, and humanity a dear friend. For God and home and humanity she labored and a spontaneous "well done" wells up in the American heart.

Those persons who entertain a sneaking doubt of the ability of great men to talk entertainingly on subjects of which they have no knowledge whatever, ought to have that doubt removed after hearing our statesmen tell how the Maine was dismantled.

A prominent Boston Banker says: "The vital weakness of our present situation is that our government now issues demand notes like a bank, while a considerable number of the directors, to wit, our senators and representatives in Congress, are trying to devise means for paying these notes at 50 cents on the dollar." Under such conditions no bank of issue could expect to enjoy first-class credit.

At a business men's banquet in New York, a few nights ago, Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of the Outlook, and trustee of Williams college, told a little story. "There was a negro down in Tennessee," he said, "who after several years' faithful attendance at church, left it altogether. The minister saw him some time afterward, and said: 'Sam, why don't you come to church? I don't see you any more.' 'Well,' replied the negro, 'it's all right sir, but you talk of God all the time and I'm for Bryan.' Mr. Mabie's friends in Williams will appreciate the anecdote.

Cadet companies are not to be allowed to carry even dummy guns, if the action of the legislative committee on the bill on that question is confirmed. It is a disappointment to members of the Father Mathew societies, who hoped to see new vigor put into the organization by the revival of military drill. But if the state is not to allow the temperance society to drill with arms, it might be well to have some of the principles of that order instilled into the state militia, where last summer's agitation showed that military training was apt to depend too much on what is known as canteen inspiration.

DISCUSSING DE LOME.
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SOME DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

Judge Day's Call on the Spanish Minister. De Lome's Future Prospects—Belief That the President Will Move Soon Restraints Congress From Aggressive Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—[Special.]—For nearly a fortnight all the professional and amateur diplomats in town have been discussing the Dupuy de Lome Incident. That gentleman has taken himself away, but the discussion stirred up by De Lome is still here and bids fair to stay a long time. Great difference of opinion has arisen as to the propriety of the action of Assistant Secretary of State Day in calling at the Spanish legation to inquire of Dupuy de Lome whether or not that gentleman had written the letter which kicked up such a big fuss. Some contend that Mr. Day was himself guilty of an indiscretion, of a breach of etiquette, almost as serious as that committed by Senor de Lome. In support of this view they point out the fact that under international law a legation is really a part of the territory of the nation which it represents, and that therefore Judge Day had no business invading Spanish territory to catechize the minister as to his conduct.

An Extreme View.
But this is an extreme—we may almost say a hysterical—view of the situation. Granted that the Spanish legation here is, in a certain sense, Spanish territory. It is well known that a foreign minister is secure from arrest or process, and if Dupuy de Lome had chosen to shut himself up in his legation and deny himself to callers neither Judge Day nor any one else could get at him without invading Spanish territory. But the all important fact is that the assistant secretary of state did not have to "invade." He broke down no doors and used no force. He simply sent his card to Dupuy de Lome, and was shown in. Their interview was marked by great courtesy on both sides. The Spaniard admitted having written the offensive letter. Judge Day said he was sorry to hear it. Dupuy de Lome said he was also sorry. Then Judge Day said:

"Of course, you understand that this puts an end to the usefulness of your career in Washington."

"I understand that very well," replied the minister, "in fact, I sent my resignation to my government last night."

All efforts to make the call of Judge Day upon the Spanish minister assume the form of a gross violation of etiquette and right are far-fetched and foolish. It was a novel thing for a secretary of state to call on a minister at the latter's residence, though it is not unprecedented. The rule is that when a minister of foreign affairs wishes to see a minister the latter is sent for. That was done in this case, but Senor de Lome did not respond. Then the president being anxious to know definitely and finally whether the minister had written the letter, asked Judge Day to ascertain by the short, direct, fair and sensible way of calling at the Spanish legation and asking the minister himself.

De Lome's Future Career.

There is a good deal of curiosity here as to Dupuy de Lome's subsequent career. Before leaving Washington the minister freely expressed among his friends the belief that he was going to become an important man in the politics of Spain. He has even dreamed of succeeding Senor Guillen as minister of foreign affairs should the Sarazta cabinet be overthrown and

The shield of Hector, when slung at the back in walking, covered the body from neck to heel.

A Stamford Remedy.

Pyrilogenous acid, which is made from wood by Houghton and Wilmarth of Stamford, furnishes the curative power of Pyrocure, the unfailing piles remedy. Local druggists sell it.

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A School Girl's Nerves.

This record is of especial value to parents. It's a message from a loving mother dedicated to the mothers of growing girls. A truthful narrative of the utmost interest and import.

It is important that the nerves are carefully guarded. Mothers who have young daughters of school age should watch their health more carefully than their studies. The proper development of their bodies is of first importance.

After the confinement of the school room, plenty of out-door exercise should be taken. It is better that children never learn their a, b, c's, than that by over-study they lose their health.

"A family friend visiting us, told how her daughter had been similarly affected, but cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"She urged us to try the pills, and we finally consented.

"We have always rejoiced that we did.

"The pills helped Lucy at once, and after taking eight boxes she was entirely cured.

"She is now in perfect health, strong, weighs ten pounds more than ever before, and her cheeks are full of color.

"Two years of schooling were missed on account of ill health, but now she can gratify her ambition to study and become an educated woman."

The reason that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were helpful in the above case, is that they are composed of vegetable remedies which act directly on the impure blood.

As the blood rushes through all parts of the body, the conveyer of good or bad health, is necessary that it should be pure, rich and red.

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The Conservatives come into power. Dupuy de Lome believes he will be royally welcomed on his return to Spain. He thinks the people there will make a hero of him because he dared to characterize the president of the United States in a frank fashion.

There is a suspicion that De Lome will go back to Spain determined to stir up trouble.

The cable dispatches from Madrid indicate that the populace there is in an excited condition over Spain's apology to the United States. It would not be difficult for De Lome, by joining hands with General Weyler, to rouse the people against the Sagasta ministry.

The government at Madrid, in order to draw the fire of the returning diplomat, may decide to offer him honor and promotion.

It is hinted here that they will make him ambassador to Berlin or some other European capital. In this way they may seek to get him out of Spain as quickly as possible, that he may not do any harm.

It goes without saying that if the government adopts this course public opinion in the United States will be seriously offended.

Already the Dupuy de Lome episode has left a bad taste in the mouths of the American people. If congress is a fair representation of the sentiment of the country, President McKinley would be upheld in any aggressive policy he might undertake. Two-thirds of the members of both houses are in favor of intervention for the purpose of bringing the war in Cuba to an end, and most of them would not care very much if war with Spain were the result.

Congress Growing Impatient.

It is considered well settled here that only one thing restrains congress from taking the bit in its teeth and going ahead. This is the belief that the president is preparing to act and a conviction that when the first aggressive move is made it should be taken by the executive. Of course there are plenty of senators and representatives who want to go ahead regardless of the president, just as there are others who want nothing at all done. Between these two extremes stand a great body of sensible men who are in favor of intervention, but who believe the president has promised to act and that he should be left alone. These men control the situation in congress.

When the president will make his next move on Spain and how no one pretends to know.

But in congress the assumption is that he promised to act as soon as it was perceived autonomy could not succeed, and as Dupuy de Lome has himself practically admitted that both autonomy and the military programme have failed in Cuba aggressive action of some sort cannot be far distant.

WALTER WELLMAN.

Skulls That Are Painted.

A strange custom, dating back to the dark ages, has survived in some of the mountain districts in Austria—the painting of skulls. The small size of most cemeteries in those regions makes it necessary to regularly remove the skeletons of the buried who have lain there eight or ten years to make room for newcomers. On such occasions the skull is often ornamented with paintings.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Curfew Bell.

The Rev. Charles A. Crane, a Methodist minister of Boston, advocates the revival of the curfew bell in that city. "Boston," he said the other evening, "owes it to herself, and especially to her boys, to pass and faithfully execute a curfew law which shall require all children 16 years of age and under to be off the streets at 8 o'clock in the winter and 9 o'clock in the summer. Lincoln, Neb., was the first city to adopt the curfew law, about two years ago. Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, Des Moines, Topeka and Evanston, Ills., are among the larger cities which have followed. The testimony in favor of the innovation is strong. The chief of police of St. Joseph, Mo., says that seven-eighths of the people give it their sincere approval. There has been a reduction of 50 per cent in commitments to the reform school from that

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Some Beautiful New Creations
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BRIGHT COLORS AND AIRY STUFFS.

Elaborate and Fanciful Decorations For
Flimsy Material Seen to Be the Pre-
valing Fad—Plaids Are Seen In Silks
as Well as Heavier Goods.

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From now until Lent there will be many occasions for handsome evening gowns. Every store and private establishment is crowded with them. They may be divided into two classes—those of light airy fabrics and those of rich and sumptuous material. The first is for the young and the second for the matrons young and old.

For dancing classes for young ladies we find everything one can imagine in thin stuffs, beginning with bargees and ending with tulle or chiffon. There are nets, dotted muslins, thin silk muslins and even crepe lisse. The one idea and object is to get the material so that it is very transparent.

One design had a pale rose taffeta under-skirt, with the outer one of white silk muslin. There were 12 narrow ruffles, in clusters of five, four and three, each bound with a pale rose satin baby ribbon. The upper ruffle on each cluster was Spanish headed. The bodice was in blouse shape, with a wide sash of pink taffeta with a white muslin ruffle all around it. There were no sleeves, but a bertha composed of three narrow ruffles formed an apology for sleeves. A large bunch of artificial violets was placed at the center of the corsage and another was provided to carry, but it is to be supposed that these will be replaced with real flowers when the gown is worn.

There is a very light dotted point d'esprit lace costume which is very pretty when nicely made. One of this kind had the underskirt of white taffeta glace. There were six ruffles of the same stuff, each three inches wide and cut on the straight. These ruffles were all according plaited. The upper one had a triple puffing of the same as narrow as it could be made. On each side of the front breadth there were four rows

and trimmed richly with fancy braiding. Lighter goods may have the space cut away filled in with puffs of muslin, drapery of liberty silk or tucked muslin over light silk. Whatever way is adopted, the result is sure to be liked.

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The tweeds with tartan facings for golfing and other outdoor rough usage make an exception. These are always plain plaid, and so are the beautiful shawls. The shepherd and pinhead checks are extremely popular. The new wool diagonals and chevrons are as a general rule in very light tints. The Scotch tweeds are called the best in the market for rough use. Next come the priestly cravatines. These have the additional quality of being waterproof, and they are handsome.

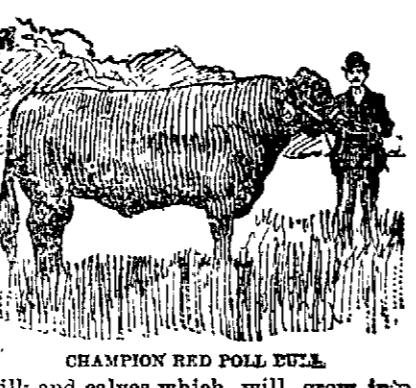
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MAJOLINI.

Blue Ribbon Red Poll Bull at British Fairs This Season.

In Great Britain the most popular general purpose breed at present is the Red Poll. For beef the Shorthorn still excels all others in general favor in the Isles, but the British mind seems unable to get over the notion that a cow is not worth much except she produces both



CHAMPION RED POLL BULL.

milk and calves which will grow into large heifers. The idea is a vain one, for the perfect general purpose cow exists no more than the general purpose horse.

Still, perhaps the Red Poll comes near representing the general purpose breed of cattle as any can do. The cows are not so large and heavy as the Shorthorns or Herefords, but on the other hand they give more milk than females of those breeds, and Red Poll steers make excellent beef, though they do not attain the largest size.

The bull in the picture is the champion at the British shows of 1897. He is 5 years old and of the best Red Poll pedigree. He is owned in Cheshire, England.

Ringing Hogs.

Two correspondents of The National Stockman give their methods for ringing hogs. Both seem very cheap and handy.

The first one described is that of Mr. George W. Pottorf, who says:

I have a catcher for use in ringing hogs that works to perfection as the largest hog can be held with one hand and ringed with the other. Take a common broom handle, bore a small hole in one end, take a strong whipcord about 14 inches long and pass through hole and tie. That forms a noose. When you stop your hog, take hold of the handle and hook this noose in the mouth, upper jaw, then twist the handle, forming a hitch around the nose. You can hold the handle with one hand and ring with the other. It is the easiest arrangement I ever saw.

The second device is described by Mr. E. D. Hale, who sends also a diagram of his convenient arrangement:

This is the way we catch hogs for ringing. Take an ordinary shipping

crate for hogs, take off cleats at both ends, on one end nail at four corners of the crate four cleats 2 inches by 3 inches. Over these crosswise at top and bottom of crate nail two 2 inch by 8 inch strips. Through these bore one-half inch holes, dodging three inches apart. Into this space insert two movable levers with holes in them opposite those in cleats. When finished, the end of the crate will look like the diagram. Levers 1 and 2 are held in place by two bolts without nuts. This makes them adjustable to different sized hogs. No. 2 is thrown back ready for the hog to put his head in. Set the "trap," we call it, at your pen door, with hogs inside, with one man or boy to chase one at a time into it, and as the hog runs his head into the open trap catch him just behind the ears by moving lever 2 to an upright position quickly. When you have your hog in the trap, you can ring him at your leisure. We have used this kind of device for ten years. There is no patent on it.

HOG RINGER.

In wraps the newest are the empire and direc-toire shapes for cloaks. The reticules are very stylish and altogether handier than ever before. I think it is to them that we owe the presence of the "dress improver" or bustle that has now apparently come to stay. To fit and look well in the back it is necessary to have a little extra fullness below the waist line. The broadclothes for these graceful garments are in mouse, silver gray, invisible green, drab, tan, dull behutrope and gray with a faint pinkish tint. They are finished with absolute perfection.

The empire and direc-toire styles require artificial stiffening in the lapels and sashes. Featherbone is sewed along the seams and in the lapels, giving them the requisite strength without stiffness. There is now also a new lining made of shredded featherbone, which is lighter, firmer and preferable every way to the old horsehair crinoline. This is used to fasten skirts and to stiffen any part of a garment requiring such treatment. There are no sharp hairs to work through and make one uncomfortable while wearing a gown.

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To Prevent a Muddy Barnyard.

Now I come to the only practical way I know of for making a decent barnyard—that is, to pave it with cobblestones when they can be had without too much trouble. The stones should be, we will say, about six inches in thickness. They should be laid with a great deal of care and the interstices filled with sand. The stones should be pounded down solid, even and smooth as may be with a heavy wooden maul. Such a pavement will last something, it is true, but if put in right it is there to stay for all time.

The manure can be cleaned off, as often as necessary, any time in the summer, and then there can be no mud tramped in.

It will take about five loads of stone

and sand for each square rod of surface. A yard, five rods square, will take 125 loads and take a man two weeks to lay it good. In places where stone cannot be had the next best thing to do is to make a plank floor over the entire yard.

—C. P. Goodrich in Hoard's Dairyman.

THREE NEW COSTUMES.

Costumes made of the stuff, each with a white satin bow in the center. The bodice was unusually pretty, the front being draped from under the arms down to a point under another rosette of the stuff. The rest of the front was drawn upward loosely and formed a blouse effect. There was a succession of rosettes with white ribbon centers all around the low bodice. The whole gown was like a snowstorm and was certainly beautiful.

Another dainty gown for a young girl was of white fish net over pale pink. Two ruffles at the bottom had quilling of pink silk muslin only an inch wide. The waist was what is called "baby," with three ruffles like those on the skirt, forming both bertha and sleeves. There were draped belt of moss green ribbon and an upright bow of the same on the skirt holding a sprig of jacquemont roses. A similar spray was put on the right shoulder.

A beautiful gown just finished for a society belle—a married one—was of pearl gray satin duchesse with a damask train. Down every seam all around was laid a pink satin ribbon and over this a flat insertion of meadow lace. These reached from top to bottom and constituted the only trimming on the skirt. The bow corsage was of the satin, full at the top and laid in narrow plait above the belt. Around the neck was a flat band of insertion with the pink ribbon under it. The sleeves were three deep lace ruffles with straight edges bound with cardinal velvet ribbon. One line of that edged the neck, and the pointed belt was of cardinal velvet, with a large diamond buckle. There was a cardinal velvet dog collar provided to wear with this gown. It had one diamond heart and one small cross sewed on in front. Velvet dog collars for wear with evening gowns are much liked and they are becoming. The choice is first for a wide collar of pearls and next to that the velvet band.

A superb evening gown for an elderly lady was of rich black satin duchesse, the skirt very ample around the bottom and in a sweeping train at the back. On each seam of the front breadth was placed a set ornament, somewhat in the shape of a flower with pendent branches all in jet beads. It was unspeakably rich and stately.

The bodice was in form of a short basque, with Bretelles reaching over the shoulders, straight across the back and down in front, where it met and formed short tabs. The Bretelles were bordered on both edges by a knife plaiting of black silk muslin. It was square in the neck, front and back, but not very low, just enough to allow the wearer to display some magnificent pearls in a necklace of remarkable size. The V front was filled in with a jabot of doubled silk mully nearly covered with spangles, mostly black. The Bretelles were garnished with a great floral design in green and ruby colored spangles, with a few gilt ones between.

I saw a black moire velours, blouse and skirt alike. Around the wrists, over the sleeves as caps and around the Bretelle shaped collar were two rows of full, narrow black chiffon ruffles edged with scarlet lace. The effect was beautiful and reminded one of the gleam of fire among the coals.

Some of the tight tailor basques have the upper part cut away in much the same manner, with the guimpe and collar of a contrasting material, for instance, a mode velour guimpe and collar with a tailor gown of mixed cheviot in mode and brown

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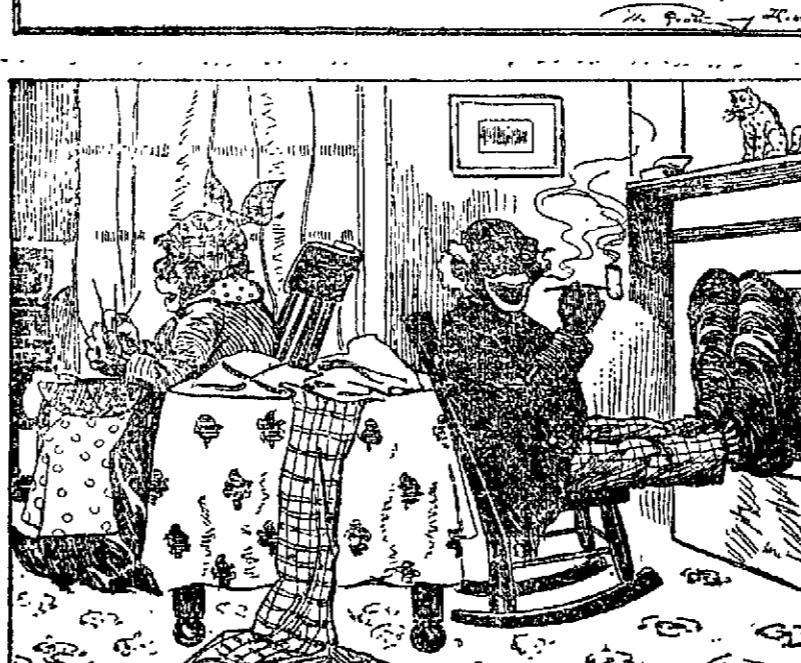
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Bone two pounds of halibut in salt water until done, then take the fish out carefully and throw away half of the water. Fill up the remainder with milk, then add a tablespoonful of sugar and a small piece of butter. Thicken by stirring in half a cup of flour, beaten smooth in cold water. When the gravy is done, replace the fish and let it boil for five minutes. When it is ready to serve, have the bottom of your serving dish covered with sliced lemons, which should come to the top of the gravy when the fish is put on the table.

CREAM PIE.

(Mrs. Parker.)

Five ounces Cottolene, four eggs, one teaspoonful star anise, two tablespoonsfuls flour, one and one-half quarts milk. Mix the flour well with a pint of cold milk, and add to the other ingredients. Pour over a quart of boiling milk, stir. Flavor with extract of lemon or vanilla. Bake in very deep pans lined with pie crust.

POTATO SALAD.

Boil and mash one quart of potatoes. Make a dressing of two ounces of fresh butter, one teaspoonful of milk and two teaspoonsfuls each of mustard and sugar. Season with salt and pepper. Rub the yolks of four hard-boiled eggs to a powder and add vinegar sufficient to moisten the mixture. Chop the whites of the eggs very fine and mix in. Put a layer of potatoes in a salad bowl, with a spoonful of dressing dropped over it in spots; then another layer, then the dressing, and so on, putting the dressing on top. Garnish with parsley.

DRESSING FOR POTATO SALAD.

Put the yolk of an egg into a bowl, with a saltspoonful of salt and beat until light; then add a tea-spoonful of dry mustard and beat again. Then add olive oil, drop by drop, until it thickens, then a few drops of vinegar and the same of lemon juice. Continue this process until the egg has absorbed a little more than a gill of oil. Finish by adding a very little cayenne pepper.

RICE OMELET.

Take a cup of cold boiled rice, turn over it a cup of warm milk and add a table-spoonful of melted butter, a level tea-spoonful of salt and a dash of pepper. Mix well and add three well beaten eggs. Put a table-spoonful of butter in a hot frying pan and when it boils pour in the omelet and set the pan in a hot oven. As soon as it is cooked through, fold it double, turn it out on a hot dish and serve at once.

JORDAN CAKE.

One-half cup of butter, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of sweet milk, two eggs, one and one-half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of cream-tartar, one-half teaspoonful of soda. Bake in two or three tins.

Frosting—Two-thirds of a cup of sweet milk, one and one-half cups of sugar, half the size of a small egg. Beat until white and thick, spread between the layers and on top.

SALMON PATTIES.

Prepare a force-meat of salmon by mincing the meat, mixing it with chopped cooked truffles and a small piece of butter. With this preparation fill some puff paste pastry cases, putting some breadcrumbs on top, and brown in the oven.

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The hall was beautifully trimmed with evergreens, flags, and bunting, and presented a most inviting appearance. The attendance was large, there being 50 couples on the floor. The ladies were all in evening dress and there were many rich and beautiful costumes.

Music was furnished by the ideal orchestra. The concert lasted from 8 till 9 o'clock, and the excellence of the music was the subject of many complimentary expressions. The various selections were roundly applauded and by the close of the final number the company was ready for the more active part of the evening program. The promenade was led by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scott. Then came dancing, which lasted till 2:30 this morning.

The program included all the popular and favorite figures, two steps, waltzes etc., and from the close of the concert to the close of the dance no time was lost.

All entered heartily into the enjoyment of the occasion and nothing was lacking which could contribute to the pleasure of the company. Refreshments were served throughout the evening in one of the side rooms.

This was the last entertainment to be given by the club before Lent. To the following the thanks of all who participated in the pleasures of the occasion are due:

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Among the Churches.

PEASANT DANCING PARTY.

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The private dancing party given in Grand Army hall Friday night by Le Bon Ton club was one of the most brilliant and delightful social events of the season in this city. The plans had been perfected with the utmost care by the ladies, who have reason to be greatly gratified by the success of their efforts.

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Tributes to Congressman Wright.

CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday morning the pastor will give an outline of the work proposed for the ensuing year. In the evening he will preach under the auspices of the Men's Sunday Evening club. His topic will be "The Place of a Prophet in the Life of a Nation."

METHODIST.

The pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. F. O. Williams of Stamford, Vt., Sunday morning. The pastor will preach as usual in the evening.

BAPTIST.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "Compensation of the Cross." In the evening he will speak on "Room for Jesus."

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held Wednesday evening.

ADVENT.

L. F. Baker will preach. Subject at 10:30 a.m., "The Two Appearances of Jesus." At 7 p.m., subject "Faith."

UNIVERSALIST.

Rev. F. A. Taylor of the Universalist church will take for his subject tomorrow morning, "Factor of Truth," and in the evening his subject will be "The Seepster of Providence."

Y. M. C. A.

There will be a song service Sunday afternoon at 3:45. John Taylor, formerly of the Moody male quartet will sing. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. George Merritt of the Moody school.

T. J. Thyn will have charge of the boy's meeting.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

7:30 a.m., Holy Communion, 10 a.m., Sunday school, 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon by the rector. Subject of sermon, "Love in Its Bearings on Lent."

7 p.m., musical service.

On Monday evening the children of St. John's Sunday school will be entertained with magic by Prof. Andrews and music by Leah Kohler and others.

Lent begins on Wednesday with services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. During Lent the Sunday services will be: Holy Communion, except first Sunday in the month, at 7:30 a.m., Sunday school and men's bible class at 10 a.m., morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m., evening prayer and sermon at 7 p.m., on Wednesdays and Fridays services will be at 9 a.m. and 7:45 p.m., on other weeks days evening prayer and devotional reading at 4:30 p.m.

The City Reports.

The annual city reports for the year 1897 have just been issued, making a book of 400 pages. The book contains the usual annual statements from all the city officers and departments, which make up most of the volume, and the substance of which has been published. The book also contains the inaugural address of Mayor Cady, the jury list for last year, and many valuable statistics in regard to the work of the city. The report of the superintendent of schools is illustrated with pictures of the various buildings and some of the kindergarten work.

An appendix gives a statement of the disbursements of the city from December 1, when the fiscal year closed, to February 1, bringing it as nearly as possible to the date of publication. The total expenditures were \$93,443.66, of which \$2,991.26 was in December and \$30,452.40 in January. The actual expenses for January were \$20,223.37.

The book is issued from the job department of THE TRANSCRIPT Publishing Co. and was issued complete in 30 days from the receipt of the copy, making a record for a book of its size and make-up equal to any book establishment.

Doctors and Druggists.

The hearing on the medical registration bill about which the druggists have been somewhat alarmed was held in Boston yesterday, and sentiment seemed to be in favor of it so far as it relates to the exclusion of "quacks," but the clause that would prevent druggists from recommending any medicine will probably be omitted or altered.

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